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Applicant: BROWN et al. Examiner: UNKNOWN
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims				
18	- 18	= 0	x 9.00	= \$0.00
Independent Claims				
4	- 3	= 1	x 44.00	= \$44.00
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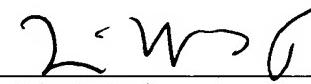
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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